

1 [Commendation for Ashley Wheater]

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**Resolution commending San Francisco Ballet Master, Ashley Wheater  
and proclaiming December 10, 2007 Ashley Wheater day in San Francisco.**

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WHEREAS, Ashley Wheater became the Ballet Master of the San Francisco Ballet in  
1996, and the Assistant to the Artistic Director, Helgi Tomasson, in 2002, after a distinguished  
career as a ballet dancer on three continents; and,

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WHEREAS, During Ashley Wheater tenure as Assistant to the Artistic Director, the  
San Francisco Ballet received numerous prestigious awards for excellence, including the  
Laurence Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance in 2004, and *Dance Europe*  
magazine's award as "Company of the Year" in 2006; and,

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WHEREAS, After an exhaustive international 5-month search, Ashley Wheater has  
now been selected as Artistic Director of the Joffrey Ballet, one of America's most  
distinguished ballet companies; and,

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WHEREAS, Ashley Wheater will be only the third Artistic Director of the Joffrey,  
following Robert Joffrey himself, and the legendary Gerald Arpino; and,

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WHEREAS, Ashley Wheater career has brought great pleasure to San Francisco ballet  
lovers and wide acclaim to the San Francisco Ballet; and,

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WHEREAS, Ashley Wheater appointment as Artistic Director of the Joffrey brings great  
honor to San Francisco and is a wonderful opportunity in which we wish him great success  
and happiness, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commend Ashley Wheeler as Artistic Director of the Joffrey Ballet, one of America’s most distinguished ballet companies, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proclaim December 10, 2007 Ashley Wheeler day in the City and County of San Francisco.